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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: ITEM 23-NATURAL DISASTER

1. THE NETHERLANDS HAS INFORMALLY CIRCULATED A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR THE SYG TO INVESTIGATE THE DESIRABILITY TO STRENGTHEN UN MACHINERY TO DEAL WITH NATURAL DISASTERS AS WELL AS SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. RESOLUTION QUOTED BELOW IN FULL.

2. WE HAVE NOT SOLICITED VIEWS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS AS YET WITH REGARD DUTCH RES.

3. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO MERGE IDEAS SET FORTH IN INSTRUCTIONS THIS ITEM WITH DUTCH RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH DUTCH MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN DELETING PHRASE "SPECIAL ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS," WHICH HAS BEEN FAVORITE DUTCH HOBBY HORSE THIS ECOSOC. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ASAP.

4. RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

"DRAFT RESOLUTION

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"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

"RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED BY
VARIOUS UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM AND
IN PARTICULAR UNDRO IN THE CASE OF NATURAL DISASTERS
AND OTHER EMERGENCIES,

"EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED IN THIS
FIELD,

"CONVIENCED THAT ASSISTANCE TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE
NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS TO FORM AN INTERGAL
PART OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY OF GOVERNMENTS
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,

"TAKING NOTE OF THE NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,
ON ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER
DISASTER SITUATIONS, (DOC. E/5531)

"1. EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT THERE MAY BE A NEED
FOR A MORE SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO AND STRENGTHENING OF
OPERATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM IN ANTICIPATION OF, DURING
AND AFTER OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC OR
SOCIAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS,

"2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE
THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY, THROUGH A RECONSTRUCTURING
OF UNDRO OR OTHERWISE, TO STRENGTHENING THE UN MACHINERY
IN THIS RESPECT SO AS TO MAKE IT ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED TO
DEAL WITH NATURAL DISASTERS AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC OR
SOCIAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS,

"3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENRAL TO
SUBMIT HIS FINDINGS TO THE 59 SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL."

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